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SUBJECT: CALL BY INDIAN CHARGE ON UNDER SECRETARY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GONSALVES MADE PITCH TO SISCO FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF INDIA'S CANDIDACY FOR UNSC. SISCO GAVE NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE. GONSALVES ALSO REVIEWED RECENT INDO-PAK TALKS, NOTING DISAPPOINTMENT OVER FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CIVIL AVIATION, BUT EXPRESSING SATISFACTION IN OTHER ASPECTS OF TALKS. ON INDO-US RELATIONS, SISCO STRONGLY SUPPORTED AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S MAY 16 PROTEST TO INDIAN FONMIN. END SUMMARY

2. INDIAN CHARGE GONSALVES, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SUCCESSOR VENKATESWARAN, AND DHUME, MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO JUNE 5. KUX AND BROWN (NEA/INS) SAT IN. MEETING WAS ARRANGED AT INDIAN REQUEST TO PRESENT LETTER SUPPORTING THEIR CANDIDACY FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL.
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3. FOLLOWING SISCO'S CONGRATULATIONS TO GONSALVES ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SRI LANKA, GONSALVES HANDED OVER LETTER FROM FONMIN CHAVAN TO SECRETARY KISSINGER REQUESTING U.S. SUPPORT AND MADE ORAL PITCH FOR OUR VOTE. GONSALVES SAID PHILIPPINES DID NOT APPEAR SERIOUS CANDIDATE, ONLY INDIANS AND PAKS IN RUNNING.

HE CLAIMED SUPPORT OF MOST NEIGHBORS (AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, NEPAL). SISCO RESPONDED THAT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS U.S. DEFERS TO CONSENSUS OF REGIONAL GROUP; WE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IN POSITION TO MAKE DECISION FOR SOME TIME.

4. TURNING TO MID-MAY BILATERAL INDO-PAK CIVIL AVIATION TALKS, GONSALVES STATED THAT INDIA "SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED" BY THEIR "FAILURE", PARTICULARLY SINCE GOI BELIEVED THAT IT HAD REACHED COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH GOP. ON POSITIVE SIDE, INDIANS THOUGHT THERE WAS A "CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE" FROM PAKISTANIS ON NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROPOSALS (NEW DELHI 6833 AND ISLAMABAD 4845) AND ON IDEA INDIANS FLOATED OF SOME SORT OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT (STATE 128021). WHILE INDIA DOESN'T WANT U.S. ASSISTANCE IN PUSHING SIMLA PROCESS WITH GOP, THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE WAS IMPORTANT, GONSALVES SAID. SISCO NOTED THAT U.S. HAS APPLAUDED SIMLA PROCESS WHILE STAYING OUT OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE PARTIES TO PURSUE THIS COURSE, AS IN FACT SECRETARY DID WHEN HE MET WITH AZIZ AHMED, IN CENTO TALKS.

5. SISCO EMPHASIZED THAT AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S DEMARCHE TO CHAVAN ON MAY 16 ACCURATELY REFLECTED U.S. POSITION ON CURRENT STATE OF INDO-US RELATIONS. SISCO STATED THAT WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF WHAT IS AND IS NOT TAKING PLACE IN PUBLIC ARENA SINCE THEN. WHEN GONSALVES SUGGESTED SOME SORT OF POSITIVE PUBLIC STATEMENT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, SISCO COUNTERED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE TIME FOR SUCH STATEMENT. SECRETARY WILL BE CONSULTING SHORTLY WITH SAXBE AND ALSO PLANS SEE AMBASSADOR KAUL AFTER HIS RETURN FROM INDIA. AFTER THESE TALKS, WE WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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